

REMARKS

The Office Action of October 2, 2003 has been reviewed, and the Examiner's comments carefully considered.

Claims 1-4, 6-12, and 16-25 are currently pending in this application. Claims 16-17 and 19-25 have been canceled. Claims 1-4 and 8-9 has been amended to distinguish further over the prior art. Additionally, new claims 26-34 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-4, 6-12, 18, and 26-34 remain in this application. Support for all amendments to the claims can be found in the specification and drawings as originally filed. No new subject matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

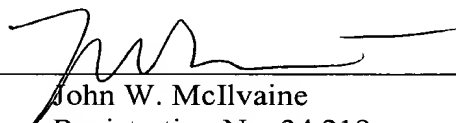
Applicant explicitly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of canceled claims 16-17, and 19-25, as well as other subject matter disclosed in this application, in a continuing application.

In view of the amendments, the Applicant believes that claims 1-4, 6-12, 18, and 26-34 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections and allowance of the aforementioned claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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